ORINDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Enhancing Orinda's Quality of Life

Orinda Community Foundation Annual Report to the Community

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Thanks to your support, the Orinda Community Foundation (OCF) had another good year in 2024. A list of our grant recipients for 2024 is on the back page of this newsletter. We support a wide range of activities that serve our community. We also have a few initiatives that we handle more directly and have chosen to feature these this year.

Overall, the Orinda Community Foundation has donated over $550,000 to local organizations and activities since our start in 2010.

These facts describe who we are:

- We are a public charity that is 100% focused on the Orinda Community.
- We are 100% volunteer. We have no payroll.
- We are 100% locally managed. A group of Orinda residents serves as the board.
- We sponsor local community activities such as Light Up Orinda, Orinda Action Day and the Volunteer of the Year.
- We partner with other local charities that are working to make life better in Orinda.

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Rich Thompson 2024 COY honored by Mayor

- We support our partners by assisting them financially and thereby enabling them to provide a variety of services and events. Activities range from the Garden Club, the Historical Society, the Arts Council, plays and concerts, programs supporting seniors, children and high school creative writers.
- We are an ongoing and consistent funding source. Our partners count on us and we have been there for them year after year.
- We have a special partner – The Orinda Association. The OA sponsors and organizes the 4th of July Parade and the Classic Car show. The Orinda Association provides a variety of services, including publishing the Orinda News and directing the Seniors Around Town program. We assist by providing funds. The Orinda Association was our largest grant recipient in 2024.
- We are transparent and efficient. In 2024, our total administrative and fundraising expenses were less than 3% of our total revenues. Charity Navigator gives its highest rankings to organizations that spend less than 15% of expenses on overhead. Our results are materially better than most non-profit organizations because we rely on volunteer help and management. This keeps our overhead very low.
- We are growing our endowment. With the help of our fellow Orinda residents, OCF is planning for long term sustainability. Our goal is to help the Orinda Community – today and tomorrow.

JEFF HEYMAN

Downtown Orinda Tree Lighting 2024

As your community foundation, much of our work is done behind the scenes. OCF's role is to supplement their efforts and take a long-term view on building our community through philanthropy. For this year's newsletter, we want to focus on three of these projects.

First, we feature OCF's sponsorship of the ***Orinda Citizen of the Year.***

Orinda is a special place. Our community is blessed with lots of talented and civic-minded people. Some of our fellow community members have volunteered for years to make Orinda a better place. We strongly believe that these local citizens deserve awards – and a special dinner. The award dates back to 1948 and has included many individuals who have spent years helping our community. Please visit our website: www.orindafoundation.org for details on the nomination process.

During 2024, **Rich Thompson** was honored as our Citizen of the Year due to his tireless work on the Orinda Arts Commission and Art in Public Places. This volunteer group is responsible for obtaining, installing and maintaining art in public locations in our city. Created by the Orinda City Council and administered by the Parks & Recreation Department, Art in Public Places is funded by numerous community-based organizations, including: The Orinda Community Foundation. The Art in Public Places program, or "ArtSpace Orinda," has been placing outdoor sculpture in the Orinda community since 2007. Its mission is to recognize

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Choose OCF as your charity partner.

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The Orinda Community Foundation Extends A Heartfelt Thanks To The Following Donors For Their Generous Donations

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MISSION: The Orinda Community Foundation enhances the quality of life in Orinda by fostering community spirit and citizen engagement, building partnerships, and providing financial assistance to support community activities, beautification and the arts.

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THE ORINDA ASSOCIATION

The Orinda Association presents the July 4th Parade and Celebration.

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artists as important cultural resources, and to install artwork throughout the city to broaden public awareness and encourage dialogue about public art.

Second, we feature OCF's sponsorship of ***Orinda Action Day.***

Orinda Action Day is a partnership among the City of Orinda, the Orinda Community Foundation and Orinda Women's Club. The goal of Orinda Action Day is to enable residents to work directly on activities that clean up and enhance our city. Tasks include trash and debris clean up, pathway maintenance and planting flowers in public spaces. Orinda Action Day is another way to celebrate our volunteers! It is also family friendly and a concrete way for children to participate with their families and neighbors to improve our community. OCF's role has been to provide some funding, some volunteers and to publicize the event on our website.

Last, but hardly least, we feature a new program started in 2024 ***– Light Up Orinda.***

Light Up Orinda is a community beautification initiative hosted by the Orinda Community Foundation and spearheaded by two long-term Orinda residents with a vision to wrap trees in downtown Orinda with white LED lights during the winter season (November through January). This vision was inspired by the tree lights in Sleepy Hollow along Lombardy Lane and the holiday lighting in downtown Lafayette. During 2024, OCF was approached by **Carol Brovelli and Kim Wirtz Straub** who created and managed the Light Up Orinda initiative. With such dynamic leadership, the OCF Board unanimously approved supporting the project.

The initiative entailed wrapping 32 trees in lights throughout North and South Orinda.

OCF's role in sponsoring Light Up Orinda was to provide some funds and administrative support as well as creating a separate account for donations targeting the project. Overall, this initiative created a safer and more festive Holiday environment. We look forward to increasing the scope of Light Up Orinda in 2025.

The OCF is proud of the work of the programs it handles and the organizations it supports. Please join us as a volunteer or donor so that we can continue our work and do more in the future!

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OCF celebrates total grants provided in 2024

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DAVID DIERKS

Members of the Orinda Starlight Village Players perform in Agatha Christie's *Spider's Web* last year

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DAVID DIERKS

The Orinda Association presents the Orinda Classic Car Show.

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